

# Crimes Reported in Cambridge

January 1 to September 30

Crime	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change 00-01
<b>Murder</b>	0	1	1	1	N.C.
<b>Rape</b>	17	10	9	10	+11%
Stranger	1	2	3	2	-33%
Non-Stranger	16	8	6	8	+33%
<b>Robbery</b>	157	121	130	125	-4%
Commercial	16	13	18	22	+22%
Street	141	108	112	103	-8%
<b>Agg. Assault</b>	281	262	244	226	-7%
<b>Burglary</b>	521	418	417	479	+15%
Commercial	160	124	129	98	-24%
Residential	361	294	288	381	+32%
<b>Larceny</b>	2070	2084	2148	2109	-2%
Building	430	460	460	394	-14%
Fm. Motor Vehicle	492	533	504	538	+7%
Person	225	191	270	334	+24%
Bicycle	266	257	282	244	-14%
Shoplifting	320	290	271	342	+26%
Residence	161	169	168	122	-27%
MV Plate	118	110	119	75	-37%
Services	22	17	13	21	+62%
Misc.	36	57	61	39	-36%
<b>Auto Theft</b>	303	291	347	407	+17%
<b>Total Violent</b>	455	394	384	362	-6%
<b>Total Prop.</b>	2894	2790	2912	2995	+3%
<b>Index Total</b>	3349	3184	3296	3357	+2%

## First Nine Months in Review

In the wake of 30-year lows reported throughout 1999 and 2000, increases in the single digits appear strikingly insignificant. As crime's steep plunge begins to level itself off in 2001, increases as small as 3 or 4% are inevitable. The Crime Analysis Unit is projecting that for the fifth consecutive year that the Total Crime Index in Cambridge will be between 4350 and 4450 incidents at the close of 2001.

The percentage of housebreaks reported each quarter has been steadily increasing this year. This July was marked with a dramatic spike in incidents as compared to the same time last year. Despite the lack of clear patterns, an overwhelming number of housebreaks reported this year occurred in the lower half of the city. 384 housebreaks were reported for the entire year of 2000. Given that as of September 30<sup>th</sup> there have been 381 incidents reported, it's clear that this crime will end the year with a significant increase over last year.

While trends such as theft of laptops from offices and construction site thefts drove the larceny from building totals in 1999. In 2000 and so far in 2001, larceny totals have been driven by incidents of larceny from persons and shoplifting incidents.

Looking ahead:

It is probable that violent crime will remain low as we end out the year. The deciding factor will be if property crime continues to increase. Larceny from person and shoplifting will likely remain steady or even possibly increase as the holidays near.

With the violent, property, and total index crime changes all in the single

## January-September Crime, Past 5 Years

